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# Hawaii Beverage Container Deposit Program



Ever wonder what those “5¢” labels mean on your beverage containers? Wonder no more! It’s Hawaii’s new recycling law, the Bottle Bill. Starting January 1, 2005, you can recycle your containers and get part of your money back!

## How It Works

The deposit program places a 5¢ refundable deposit on each beverage container plus a non-refundable 1¢ container fee. The deposit encourages people to recycle their empty containers. Customers get back their 5¢ deposit when they return the container to a redemption center. The 1¢ container fee is used to pay for redemption center costs.



## What if you are on WIC?



### **Will I be charged if I get canned or bottled juice with my WIC checks?**

A 5¢ deposit per beverage container will be charged to you when you redeem your WIC checks. You can get the 5¢ deposit back when you take the container to a redemption center to be recycled. A 1¢ container fee per beverage container *may* also be charged. **WIC pays the 1¢ container fee if charged. Do not pay this fee.**



### **Are frozen juice or bottled formula/milk containers charged a deposit?**

No.



### **How can I tell if the beverage container is a deposit container?**

Look on the top or side of the container for a deposit label that reads “Hawaii 5¢” or “HI 5¢”



### **When will I start to be charged the deposit?**

You may be charged the deposit as early as November 1, 2004 for containers labeled with the Hawaii deposit. By January 1, 2005 you will be charged the deposit on all deposit beverage containers.



### **When can I redeem the container for the deposit?**

You may redeem your deposit container at a redemption center beginning January 1, 2005. Containers that do not have the deposit value marked on them will not be eligible for refund of the deposit.

The goal is to recycle as many containers as possible. Every year, about 800 million containers are sold in Hawaii. Most end up in landfills or as litter on our streets and beaches. Let’s all do our part to keep Hawaii a paradise!